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11. (C) On May 8, DCM faxed Ref C points to Ambassador Velma McNish, Director, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, and asked McNish to urge Ambassador Raymond Wolfe, Jamaica's new Permanent Representative to the United Nations, to oppose the candidacy of Iran for the Human Rights Council. Ambassador McNish has not indicated how the GOJ plans to vote in tomorrow's election, but Post is following up for her response.

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